

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2009

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION,
THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES,
TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE AREA IN THE VICINITY OF THE
BARDSTOWN ROAD/I-265 INTERCHANGE TO RESOLVE LONG
RANGE LAND USE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ROBIN ENGEL
AND COUNCILMAN STUART BENSON**

WHEREAS the Metro Council has been asked to consider changing the Form District Map contained in Cornerstone 2020, the comprehensive plan, to create a Regional Center Form District at the intersection of Brentlinger Lane and Bardstown Road, and the discussion of this request focused on the appropriateness of such an intense classification in an area facing significant challenges in the areas of transportation and land use planning, and

WHEREAS, the Council understands that this intersection, as well as the area to the immediate north and south of I-265, the Gene Snyder Freeway (the "Area"), is at a critical juncture, and in the absence of a clear land use plan for the Area, the character and identity of the Area could be jeopardized, and,

WHEREAS, the Council is also aware that, in the absence of a plan to create and improve connections between existing roads, the Area's roadway network will be strained under the demand created by current and future users, and will fail to create the network of streets that allows drivers to easily move through the Area off the main arterial of Bardstown Road, thereby exacerbating congestion and decreasing the Area's desirability for business and residential purposes, and,

WHEREAS the Council is aware that other development proposals are being considered for the Area south of I-265, the Gene Snyder Freeway, along the Bardstown Road Corridor, and that these proposals will introduce significant amounts of new retail and service uses to the Area, and that these new developments in addition to existing development north of I-265 along Bardstown Road suggest that a Regional Center Form District is likely appropriate for some location in the vicinity of the I-265/Bardstown Road interchange, and,

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to encourage development which creates jobs and contributes to the economy of Louisville Metro, but wishes to see such development follow a thoughtfully crafted land use and transportation plan, rather than be dictated by piecemeal development proposals, and,

WHEREAS the Council believes that the Planning Commission serves a critical function in planning for the future of Louisville Metro, and specifically for the future of this Area, and that such planning rightfully precedes the creation of a new Form District in the Area so that the land use and transportation patterns can be considered in tandem in a meaningful way, and,

WHEREAS the Council wishes to direct the Planning Commission, through the Division of Planning and Design Services, to initiate a study of the Area, as shown in Exhibit 1 hereto, to identify the appropriate location for a Regional Center and opportunities for establishing appropriate land use patterns as well as increasing connectivity and functionality in the roadway network to alleviate congestion on Bardstown Road,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON METRO GOVERNMENT:

Section I: The Metro Council hereby directs the Planning Commission, through the Division of Planning and Design Services, to initiate a study of the area in the vicinity of the Bardstown Road/I-265 interchange as generally shown in Exhibit 1 hereto. The goals of the study should be to develop a transportation plan for the area to identify potential connections in the existing roadway network to create alternatives to Bardstown Road for vehicular access and connectivity, to identify improvements in the existing roadway network, to evaluate land use and patterns of development, and to identify appropriate boundaries of a future Regional Center Form District. The results of this study should be reported back to the Council within no more than a 9-month period.

Section II: The Council hereby directs the Planning Commission and Division of Planning and Design Services, during the time set for conducting the study and presenting the results thereof, to encourage applicants to work within the existing Area form district classifications rather than request changes to the Form District as part of new development proposals, and to work closely with Metro Public Works to ensure that new development creates a high level of connectivity and improves existing roadway functionality to support the results of the study.

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Approved: _____
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